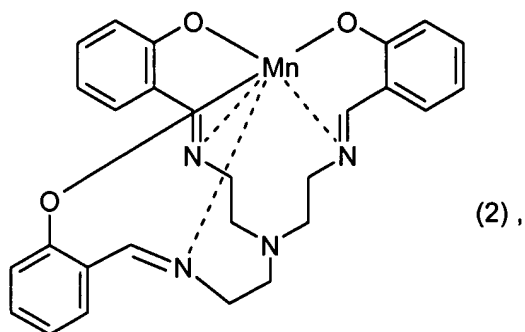


IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (original): A crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine



characterized by a peak at a d-spacing of about 6.87 Å in its powder X-ray diffraction pattern.

2. (currently amended): A crystal modification of 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) according to claim 1, characterized by a peaks at d-spacings of about 6.87 Å and further characterized by d spacing at about 12.69 Å in its powder X-ray diffraction pattern.

3. (currently amended): A crystal modification of 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) according to claim 2, characterized by peaks at d-spacings of about 6.87 and 12.89 Å and further characterized by peaks at d-spacings of about 3.51, 3.65, 4.20, 4.63, 4.95, 5.30, 6.38, 6.87, 7.50, and 10.57 and 12.69 Å in its powder X-ray diffraction pattern.

4. (currently amended): A crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) according to claim 3, characterized by peaks at d-spacings of about ~~2.22, 2.48, 2.94, 3.14, 3.51, 3.65, 3.76, 3.94, 4.20, 4.63, 4.95, 5.30, 5.82, 6.19, 6.38, 6.87, 7.50, 8.59, 10.57 and 12.69 Å~~ and further characterized by peaks of about 2.22, 2.48, 2.94, 3.14, 3.76, 3.94, 5.82, 6.19, and 8.59 Å in its powder X-ray diffraction pattern.

5. (currently amended): A crystal modification of 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) according to claim 4, which has a characteristic

X-ray powder pattern obtained by X-ray diffraction on a powder sample of the new-crystal modification in ~~a the instrument~~ STOE-powder-diffractometer at room temperature (25°C) under Cu X-ray [$\lambda(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 1.540598 \text{ \AA}$] represented by the following spacings between lattice planes:

d(Å)	Intensity	d(Å)	Intensity
12.69	strong	4.63	medium
10.57	medium	4.20	medium
8.59	weak	3.94	weak
7.50	medium	3.76	weak
6.87	strong	3.65	medium
6.38	medium	3.51	medium
6.19	weak	3.14	weak
5.82	weak	2.94	weak
5.30	medium	2.48	weak
4.95	medium	2.22	weak

6. (currently amended): A crystal modification of 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that in accordance with X-ray diffraction on its sample single crystal that it is represented by the following basic ~~basis~~-crystallographic data:

Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P 2 ₁ /n
a[Å]	7.906
b[Å]	25.609
c[Å]	11.736
α [°]	90
β [°]	96.55
γ [°]	90
V[Å ³]	2360.6
Structure unit per cell (Z)	4
Absorption coefficient μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.597

Crystal system	monoclinic
F(000)	1064

7. (currently amended): A method Use of catalyzing oxidation reactions comprising incorporating into a reaction mixture a catalytically effective amount of the crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) according to claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims as catalyst for oxidation reactions.~~

8. (currently amended): A method Use~~according to claim 7, wherein the crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine is used in a washing, cleaning, disinfecting or bleaching agent.~~

9. (currently amended): A method Use~~according to claims 7 or 8, wherein the crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine is used together in combination with a peroxy compound for the bleaching of spots or stains on textile material or for the prevention of the redeposition of migrating dyes in the context of a washing process of textile materials or for the cleaning of hard surfaces.~~

10. (currently amended): A method Use~~according to claims 7 or 8, wherein the crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine according to claims 1—6 is used as a catalyst for reactions with a peroxy compound for bleaching in the context of paper-making.~~

11. (currently amended): A washing, cleaning, disinfecting or bleaching agent, containing

- I) 0 – 50 % by weight, ~~preferably 0 — 30 %~~, A) of at least one anionic surfactant and/or B) of at least non-ionic surfactant,
- II) 0 – 70 % by weight, ~~preferably 0 — 50 %~~, C) of at least one builder substance,
- III) 0 – 10% by weight, ~~preferably 0 — 5%~~ D) of at least one (poly)phosponate and/or aminoalkylene-poly(alkylenephosphonate),
- IV) 1 – 99 % by weight, ~~preferably 1 — 70 %~~, E) of at least one peroxide and/or of at least one peroxide-forming substance, and

V) F) the ~~new~~ crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) ~~in an amount which, in the liquor, gives a concentration of 0.2 – 50 mg/litre of liquor, preferably 0.2 – 30 mg/litre of liquor,~~
whereby when from 0.2 to 20 g/litre of the washing, cleaning, disinfecting and bleaching agent are added to the liquor, a concentration of 0.2 – 50 mg/litre of compound (2) in the liquor is provided.

12. (currently amended): A process ~~Process~~ for the preparation of the modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylidene-aminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) according to claim 1 ~~Claims 1 – 6~~ by a) adding a solution comprising 3 parts of salicylic aldehyde and 1 part of tris-(2-aminoethyl)amine to a Mn(III) solution, which can optionally comprise some amount ~~amount~~ of a base, and b) isolation and purification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)).

13. (new): A washing, cleaning, disinfecting or bleaching agent according to claim 11, containing

- I) 0 – 30 % by weight, A) of at least one anionic surfactant and/or B) of at least non-ionic surfactant,
- II) 0 – 50 % by weight, C) of at least one builder substance,
- III) 0 – 5% by weight, D) of at least one (poly)phosponate and/or aminoalkylene-poly(alkylenephosphonate),
- IV) 1 – 70 % by weight, E) of at least one peroxide and/or of at least one peroxide-forming substance, and
- V) F) the crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) ,

whereby when 0.2 to 20 g/litre of the washing, cleaning, disinfecting and bleaching agent are added to a liquor, a concentration of 0.2 – 30 mg/litre of compound (2) in the liquor is provided.

14. (new): A method according to claim 8, wherein the crystal modification of the 1:1 manganese (III) complex of N,N',N''-tris[salicylideneaminoethyl]amine (compound (2)) is used in combination with a peroxy compound for the cleaning of hard surfaces.